



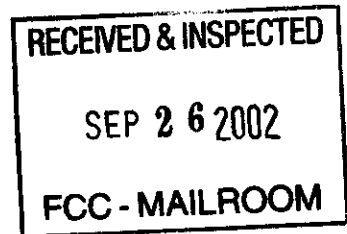
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September 25, 2002

Magalie Salas, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Washington, D.C. 20554



Re: Docket No. 96-45, Certification Letter Pursuant to the requirements of  
47 CRR § 54.313

Dear Ms. Salas:

On November 2, 1999, the FCC adopted a new mechanism to provide high-cost support to non-rural carriers. *In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, Ninth Report and Order and 18<sup>th</sup> Order on Reconsideration, CC Docket No. 96-45 (FCC 99-306), released November 2, 1999) (Non-Rural USF Order). That Order requires states to certify by October 1, 2001, that the non-rural carrier(s) in their jurisdiction will use the federal support in compliance with section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. This certification letter is being submitted to satisfy that requirement.

In accordance with the requirements of that Order, the Maine Public Utilities Commission certifies that all the federal high-cost funds provided to our non-rural company, Verizon-Maine will be used in a manner consistent with the requirements of 47 U.S.C. § 254(e). To the best of our knowledge, all federal high cost support will be used only to support those services for which the support is intended.

Sincerely,

Dennis Keschl  
Administrative Director

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Attachment

cc: Universal Service Administrative Corporation

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